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Mr. McMillin—You believe it is what is your judgment?

Mr. Henderson—In the sworn evidence of a bureau chief, he said that he had seen it that 97 per cent. of appointments made in his office were given to Democrats. He said that the Republicans who have passed the civil service examination with a higher record than that of some Democrats who have been selected, have failed to have their names put on the list.

Mr. McMillin—Does the gentleman claim that that was done by the commissioners?

Mr. Henderson—I am not acquainted with the delicate machinery with which it has been done. The gentleman knows perfectly well that the bureau chiefs and heads of great departments, in some mysterious way, always manage to pump out Democratic candidates and leave Republican candidates without recognition. I believe that an investigation will show that 90 per cent. of the appointments were made from Democratic ranks, while I believe I can say that the examinations of Republicans will compare well with those of Democrats. I will not claim that they are better, but they are equally good.

When we find it stated, under oath of a bureau chief, and boasted of, that 97 per cent. of the appointments in his office are Democrats, we know that some singular manipulation is going on.

Mr. McMillin—Is it not a fact that the greatest per cent. of partisan appointments ever made under the civil service law were made in the Pension Office under Republican rule?

Mr. Henderson—I do not believe that anything of the kind is true.

Mr. McMillin—You say that it is true. I state to you that your charge is false.

Mr. Henderson—What do you do with Black's statement that he has had 97 per cent. of Democratic appointments?

Mr. McMillin—I say that your charge is not true.

Mr. Henderson—I have given you evidence under oath of one of your own bureau chiefs, and if you are as familiar with the Pension Office as you are with the administration of affairs, you know that the great mass of appointments in the Pension Office were made by the Democrats.

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Springer. Continuing, he said if it were not for that cumbersome and obsolete machinery known as the Electoral College, the Democrats would now be rejoicing in a great national victory.

Mr. Jackson, of Pennsylvania, suggested that the Republican vote in one-third of the country had been suppressed.

Mr. Springer—I hope my friend will keep quiet.

Mr. Jackson—You would like the country to keep quiet.

Mr. Springer—I should think it would worry the Republican while funds of this kind are brought to his attention, on the principle of the popular vote who decided in favor of the platform of the Democratic party.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, referring to the declaration of Mr. Springer, that Mr. Cleveland had received a majority of the popular vote, said that in view of the opportunity which the Democrats possessed for increasing Cleveland's majority in the Southern States, they must feel like Lord Elgin, and wonder at their own moderation in giving him only 100,000 majority.

Mr. Cummings said that the sneer at New York politics came with an ill-grace from a Republican Congressman from Indiana [Brown].

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The cabinet has decided that when the committee report on the bankruptcy bill is presented to the Senate on Friday, the President of that body shall ask leave to interrupt the budget debate in order to detach from the bankruptcy bill an article applicable to the position of the Panama Canal Company, the object being to save it from bankruptcy.

The shareholders of the Panama Canal Company have also been invited to sign an agreement to subscribe for lottery bonds on a future issue at 200 francs, and thousands have already signed. A few individuals who made deplorable remarks concerning M. De Lesseps were roughly handled by the crowd around the offices. Shareholders, on coming to the company's offices, are invited to sign an agreement, according to which they waive all claims to interest until the canal shall have been completed. A few have agreed, but the majority object to the proposed arrangement.

War Ships Ordered to Colon. PARIS, Dec. 18.—Owing to fears that the Panama Canal Company's difficulties may give rise to disorders on the isthmus, the French government has decided to send a man-of-war to Colon to protect French interests.

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THE AFRICAN EXPLORERS. Doubts as to the Capture of Stanley—Lieutenant Wissman's Departure Postponed. BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Interest in African affairs is, for the moment, all centered in the fate of Emin Pasha and Henry M. Stanley. Lieutenant Wissman, at a public meeting in Cologne, in October, said that Emin's position at Wadelai formed a wall which separated the Arabs of the Sudan from those of the south, and that if the wall collapsed the whole Arab movement would be strengthened that it would require a hundred-fold greater sacrifices to master it. The greatest doubt is thrown here on the report that Stanley has been captured. It is argued that the alleged fight must have occurred between the third and fifth degrees of latitude, between Lake and Wadelai. The distance to Omdurman, Osman Digna's headquarters, is 1,200 miles, and thence to Suakin is 400 miles. The swiftest messengers would take four months to cover the entire distance. The result of the discussions of the Emin relief committee, however, is the postponement of the departure of Lieutenant Wissman until definite news has been obtained of Emin's fate. Lieutenant Wissman's mission, it is believed, is to capture Emin, and to bring him to the coast.

THE G. A. R. AND PENSIONS. The Disabilities Bill Will Be Pushed Vigorously in the Fifty-First Congress. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Gen. George S. Merrill, of Boston, Gen. John W. Kountz, of Toledo, O., and Major John W. Burt, of Syracuse, N.Y., three members of the committee on pension legislation of the G. A. R., are in the city. They met yesterday for the first time since the Grand Encampment at St. Louis, and will continue in session to-day in the hope that the other members of the committee will arrive. The committee will make a special effort to advance the disabilities bill, as it is called, in the Fifty-first Congress. General Merrill, the chairman, spoke confidently of success. "We have decided," he said, "to do what we can to secure the passage of the disabilities bill, or what has been more generally known as the dependent pension bill."

It is the only pension measure whose passage we desire. "It is the only one we will push until it is passed. The Grand Army thinks the time has come when every soldier who served in the Union army should be pensioned. That, however, is a secondary consideration, the disability act having precedence. We believe there should be a pension for the soldier who has been disabled in the old soldiers' old and infirm, and enable them to enjoy a little comfort in their old age."

How about the veterans and the civil service? "In the Fifty-first Congress we will endeavor to amend that section of the statutes governing civil service which relates to the preference. Section 154 contains a permissive provision giving veterans the preference in all appointments, but we want to have the provision made mandatory."

The Proposed Kilrain-Sullivan Fight. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Kilrain's friends in this city have published in an evening paper this statement: "Kilrain's friend, Richard Lee, will post \$5,000 with the Park National Bank, or any other reputable bank in New York city, in the name of Richard Lee. Kilrain's friends will then arrange a match without any money being placed at a place outside the jurisdiction of the United States to arrange a match for \$5,000 or \$10,000. The match will be fought in the championship of the world, the party agreed upon for the meeting for final stakeholder to be the custodian of the money deposited at the Park National Bank. If Sullivan and his backers desire to arrange a match without any money being placed, and in a business way, they will agree to these terms, which every sporting man will allow are fair and businesslike."

Murder of a Wealthy Merchant. ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 18.—Archibald Sellers, the wealthiest dry goods merchant of this city, was brutally murdered, on Sunday night, by a fellow countryman, a man who was indebted to Mr. Parrell for a large sum. Parrell secured an interview with his victim on a Sunday morning, and expressed his preference for Mr. Balfour in that capacity.

Disruption of an Ancient Organization. LONDON, Dec. 18.—The withdrawal by the Queen of the warrant for the existence for the Honorable Artillery Company of London, the oldest military organization in England, has created a tremendous sensation in military circles. The company was established in 1537, and has had several outbreaks, the principal one of which is the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Organization of Boston. The chief cause of the disruption of the parent body was an internal squabble, which arose concerning the administration of its funds, and the immediate cause was a disagreement with the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge and other members, as to the company joining the regular military forces, involving the abandonment of its charter and the surrender of its recognized privileges. The organization was an immense amount of real estate and other property in the city, which will probably be divided among the members, if an agreement as to its division can be reached.

Emperor William's Army Plans. BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Reports have been current that Emperor William intended a wholesale retiring of aged generals, the promotion of junior officers, and a reorganization of the Military Department, including the appointment of General Hancke as Minister of War, and of General Bruchmann as Chief of the Military Cabinet, the North-German Gazette, in a semi-official note, strongly protests against the circulation of the rumor. It says: "Touching the question of military reorganization, the people ought to rest content with learning the proposal submitted to the Reichstag. In any case, no further measure is to be expected for the present."

Freemasonry and the Peace of Europe. ROME, Dec. 18.—The grand master of Italian Freemasons has sent a circular to all the Italian lodges reminding them that the council of the lodges of Europe and America have adhered to the appeal of the Italian Grand Orient of March 11, inviting them to assist in preserving European peace, and asking them to calmly examine the situation, and to help Italy and France, with the view of dissipating misunderstanding.

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